



**CITY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MINUTES of the FORMAL MEETING of GREER CITY COUNCIL  
March 10, 2020**

**MEETING LOCATION: Greer City Hall, 301 East Poinsett Street, Greer, SC 29651**

**I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE PUBLIC HEARING** Mayor Rick Danner – 6:35 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:  
Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin arrived at 6:51 pm, Mark Hopper, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Others present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

**Subject:** Imma Nwobodu, Program Manager with Greenville County Redevelopment Authority presented the Greenville County Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan for the City of Greer. (attachment)

Discussion held.

Mayor Danner opened the Public Hearing for public comment. No one chose to speak.

The Public Hearing adjourned 7:17 P.M.

**II. CALL TO ORDER OF THE REGULAR MEETING** Mayor Rick Danner – 7:17 P.M.

The following members of Council were in attendance:  
Jay Arrowood, Wayne Griffin, Mark Hopper, Lee Dumas, Wryley Bettis and Judy Albert.

Others present: Ed Driggers, City Administrator, Mike Sell, Assistant City Administrator, Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk, Steve Owens, Communications Manager and various other staff and media.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilmember Jay Arrowood

**IV. INVOCATION** Councilmember Jay Arrowood

## V. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

### A. 2020 Black History Month Essay Contest Winners

High School:

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Haley Bobo, Riverside High School with an essay about Ella Baker.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Parker Sloan, Riverside High School with an essay about Neil DeGrasse Tyson.

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Katja Gross, Riverside High School with an essay about Alvin Ailey.

Middle School:

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Presley Hart with an essay about Jackie Robinson.

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Mason Scroggs with an essay about Emmett Till.

## VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Daryl Rishforth, 306 Medford Drive spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 7-2020.

Charlie Runion, 1940 Gibb Shoals Road spoke in favor of Ordinance Number 7-2020.

Matt Cardone, 1 Garver Court, shared his concerns regarding Ordinance Number 7-2020.

Alexandra Byrd, 10 Gladstone Way spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 7-2020.

Mark Yost, 204 Trask Court, spoke in opposition to Ordinance Number 7-2020.

## VII. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

February 25, 2020

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion that the minutes of February 25, 2020 be received as written. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** - Motion carried unanimously.

## VIII. PRESENTATIONS

**A.** Kirsten Pressley highlighted her monthly activity report.

**B.** Steve Grant, City Engineer presented his Annual Report. (attached)

## IX. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the following:

**Employee Notice** – yesterday we issued a notice to all employees relative to the protocols that we are following in response to the Coronavirus concerns. Those protocols are established primarily as our need to maintain a safe workplace. Also, as we encourage and adopt practices protecting the health of our employees, customers, visitors and others. There will be continued discussions with Mayor Danner about what our protocols would be if we begin to experience more of a community experience to the Coronavirus



there are certain authorities that are provided in health emergencies that are delegated to the Mayor of a community. We will continue to have those conversations. It is a situation we don't know what is around the corner and so our best prevention is to be prepared with practices and protocols in place. Some of those would include things like don't report to work sick, we have very dedicated employees and often times people will come to work even though they may should not be here. In consideration of our coworkers and community at large we are requiring those employees that do report to work with flu like symptoms, we are immediately sending them home. Not that we suspect they have the coronavirus it is simply to prevent the spread of flu like symptoms in our workplace. We are taking those types of precautions as well. You will see sanitizers and disinfecting equipment throughout the city, we are providing that in all areas where the public is entering public buildings, all elevator areas, all workstation areas, every employee at the city at their respective workstations have been provided hand sanitizer for their immediate areas. Our employees that have interaction with the general public relative to frontline operations their protocol is that after the exchange of every transaction they are required to sanitize. We exchange a lot of items forms, blueprints, money, and documents, again we are exchanging those constantly through an environment that we may not know what someone else coming into our facility exposures may or may not have been previously. Those are some of the thing we are involved in we certainly want to make sure that if our community is affected in a more widespread area or in a fashion, we want to make sure that we can continue operations of local government services especially those relative to public safety. We are making sure we are doing everything we can to protect not only our employees as they continue to operate but having them here so that they can provide those protections to our community as well. We hope that this exercise is overkill in the end but are absolutely convinced that is the appropriate measures for us to take to be prepared if the situation in our community should worsen. We are getting daily updates from the CDC and DHEC to make sure we are informed about what is going on around us.

**ACE Environmental** under our contract with ACE Environmental periodically there needs to be an adjustment to the routing schedules. We look at housing starts additional multi-family, single residential whatever is happening in the community it is increasing the number of stops, households that they are providing service to and that doesn't always coincide exactly where the routing currently is. About three years ago we made some adjustments to the routing, where we are right now is our Monday collection is 3512, Tuesday is 5500+, and Wednesday is 1600+. We need to rebalance that a bit so effective April 6<sup>th</sup> we will have some rerouting that will take us to 4500+ on Mondays, 4300 on Tuesdays and 2200 on Wednesdays. That number will continue to grow as we continue to grow as a municipality. All affected households that may have a change to their collection day will receive a direct communication from ACE Environmental as a door hanger and will be provided with a notice on their garbage container. We will also utilize social media and other means that we have of contacting our public on that process. They are hoping to get that process changed over by April 6<sup>th</sup>. If we have misses, they will be dispatched to make those collections. This information will be posted on our website.

**Statement of Economic Interest Report** is due March 30<sup>th</sup>. The report must be completed online.

**CenterG** our streetscape project downtown has been impacted by rain; we are not behind schedule but we are no longer ahead of schedule. We are moving along; they are keeping



crews out there on a regular basis. They have remobilized to be able to keep crews in on Saturdays when necessary.

**Municipal Garage** – we are expecting to mobilize in April. That is a moving target as well due to rain.

**Hotel Project** is mobilized and on site. They are in the early stages of installing footers. I will be meeting with the developer tomorrow to make sure we are all on the same page.

## **X. APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **A. Board of Architectural Review**

Marney Hannon has resigned effective immediately his term expires 6/30/2020.

No Action was taken.

### **B. Planning Commission**

District 3 Mark Hopper resigned effective 12/31/2019 his term expires 6/30/2021.

No action was taken.

## **XI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 5-2020**

#### **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MAJOR CHANGE TO A DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT (DRD) OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GREER**

Ashley Kaade, Planner stated there was no new information.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wayne Griffin made a motion to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Number 5-2020. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2020**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE CITY OF GREER LOCATED AT 2299 AND 2999 GAP CREEK ROAD BY ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PETITION; AND TO ESTABLISH A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF R-20 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) FOR SAID PROPERTIES.**



Ashley Kaade, Planner presented the request. She stated a public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission March 23, 2020.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 6-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Brief discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

**B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 7-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CMT INVESTORS LLC. LOCATED AT 1940 GIBBS SHOALS ROAD FROM I-1 (INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) TO DRD (DESIGN REVIEW DISTRICT).**

Mayor Danner spoke regarding the process and procedure of the City and stated State Law dictates much of what the City does, how it is done and when it is done. He also spoke regarding the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and the 2015 update to the plan. He referred to the Zoning Code as well as the Planning Commissions responsibilities.

Ashley Kaade, Planner presented the request. She stated the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing February 17, 2020 and recommended approval. The owner was present.

Lengthy discussion held.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Jay Arrowood made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 7-2020. Councilmember Wryley Bettis seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried 5-2 with Councilmembers Hopper and Albert voting in opposition.

Councilmember Wayne Griffin left Council Chamber at 9:15 p.m.

**C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 8-2020**

**AUTHORIZING THE RELOCATION OF CERTAIN ALLEYS AND A QUITCLAIM DEED FOR PORTIONS OF THE SAID ALLEYS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.**

Ed Driggers, City Administrator presented the request.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance Number 8-2020. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.



#### **D. Benson Development Agreement**

Reno Deaton, Executive Director of Greer Development Corporation presented the request.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to approve the Benson Development Agreement as presented. Councilmember Jay Arrowood seconded the motion.

**VOTE** – Motion carried unanimously.

#### **E. Seeking Approval of Grant Application Recommendations (attached)**

David Seifert, Chief Financial Officer presented the request.

**ACTION** – Councilmember Mark Hopper made a motion to approve the Grant Application Recommendations as presented. Councilmember Judy Albert seconded the motion.

Lengthy discussion held.

**VOTE** – Motion carried 5-2 with Councilmembers Arrowood and Bettis voting in opposition.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ACTION** – In (9:38 p.m.)

- (A) Economic Development Matter** – Project Blakely
- (B) Economic Development Matter** – Project Homecoming
- (C) Economic Development Matter** – Project Hot Stove

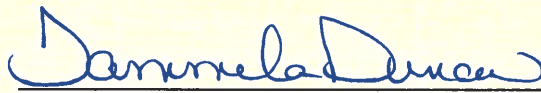
Councilmember Lee Dumas made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss two Economic Development matters pertaining to Project Blakely and Project Homecoming (Project Hot Stove was not needed); as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70(a)(5). Councilmember Mark Hopper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Danner stated during Executive Session they considered the above matters and no action was taken.

**ACTION** - Out (10:12 p.m.) – Councilmember Wryley Bettis made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Lee Dumas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

10:12 P.M.



Tammela Duncan, Municipal Clerk



Richard W. Danner, Mayor

Notifications: Agenda posted in City Hall and email notifications sent to The Greenville News, The Greer Citizen, GreerToday.com and the Spartanburg Herald Journal Friday, March 6, 2020.